

# OFFICIAL GAZETTE



## GOVERNMENT OF GOA

### EXTRAORDINARY

### No. 2

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Department of Elections

Goa State Election Commission

#### Notification

3/10/99-SEC (I)

The following Notification of even number dated the 7th December, 2001 issued by the State Election Commission, is published for information of the general public. Suggestions/objections, if any, in respect of the contents of the Notification, should be submitted to the Commission within a period of 7 days.

By order of the State Election Commission.

*Raghuveer Savardenker*, Secretary (State Election Commission).

Panaji, 7th December, 2001.

#### Notification

3/10/99-SEC

Whereas the State Election Commission, vide its Notification of even number dated the 25th August, 1999 published in the Official Gazette No. 23, Series I dated the 2nd September, 2001, had prescribed a Code of Conduct for ensuring free, fair, smooth and peaceful elections to the Panchayats at all levels and Municipalities;

And whereas the State Election Commission, with a view to curb the use of money power and wasteful expenditure by the candidates or their workers, supporters or sympathizers, considering the smallness of the constituency of a candidate i.e. the ward of a Village Panchayat which small and compact involving few households and a small voter-base;

And whereas the State Election Commission feels it necessary to avoid extravagant spending and expenditure wars by the contesting candidates so that the elections to the local self-governing bodies at the grassroots provide a level playing field to the common man and ensure the participation of citizens with limited resources;

Now therefore, the State Election Commission, under the powers delegated to it under Article 243K and 243 ZA of the Constitution of India and under Section 237 of the Goa Panchayat Raj Act, 1994, issues the following order which is an addition to the existing Code of Conduct referred to in para 1 above:

1. That the following types of canvassing, propaganda and expenditure by the contesting candidates, their workers, supporters and sympathisers is banned and prohibited;
  - (a) Defacement and spoiling of public or private property including buildings by pasting of posters, writing of slogans, painting of symbols, erecting flagstuffs,

suspending banners etc., without the written permission of the owners, whether private or public;

- (b) Advertisements in the newspapers or electronic media or cable TV and advertisements in the form of hoardings on public roads, streets and public transport vehicles;
- (c) Use and movement on roads of vehicles fitted with loudspeakers/sound system for propaganda. However, loudspeakers for public meetings or corner meetings are allowed if valid permissions are obtained from the concerned authorities;
- (d) Use of vehicles including two wheelers for public processions. Vehicles should

not form a part of the public processions. However, bicycles are allowed for such processions.

- 2. Election pamphlets, posters, handbills, leaflets should bear the name and address of the printer/Xeroxing firm/Computer firm and the publishers and should also mention the number of copies printed.

By order and in the name of the State Election Commission.

Raghuveer Savardenkar, Secretary (State Election Commission).

Panaji, 7th December, 2001.